



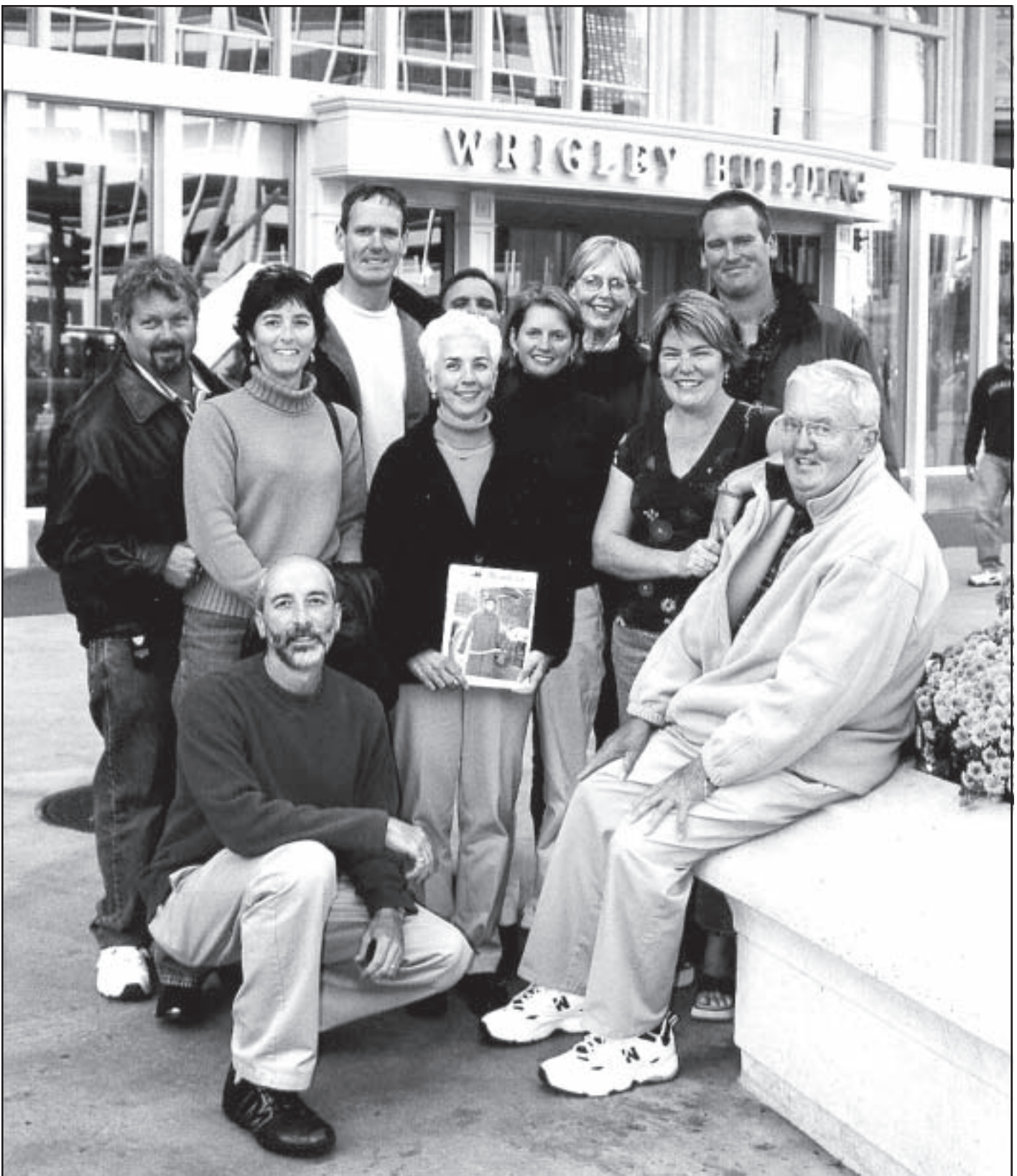
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Today the symbol and seed of the strong community of Marion is in need of substantial restoration. The Bell Tower of the Captain's Marion Meeting House, also known as the First Congregational Church, is in dire need of historic restoration in order to stabilize the structure.

An active group of congregants have embraced the mission of restoring this historical landmark for the inspiration of future generations. They have worked to honor the history of the church and its related historic properties to place them on the National Register of Historic Places. Now they have researched and planned a capital campaign to address the serious structural work that is urgently required for this landmark to stand safely and grandly at the center of Marion.

Restoration of the Captain's Meeting house will require \$500,000 of funding in order to stabilize the Bell Tower and restore the interior ceiling. In addition, this sum will begin an endowment to fund an annual deferred maintenance budget to help prevent critical disrepair



Above: The historic Bell Tower of the Captain's Marion Meeting House — today known as the First Congregational Church on Main Street — is in dire need of restoration in order to stabilize the structure. As such, an active group of congregants have embarked on the "Preserving Marion's Traditions" capital campaign which recently benefited from two generous contributions from anonymous donors. A Capital Campaign Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2004 at Lillard Hall in Tabor Academy. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

On the cover: A group of tri-town area residents recently traveled to Chicago, IL to attend the wedding of John Mello and Dawn Peterson and took the time to pose in front of the famed Wrigley Building with a copy of *The Wanderer*. Pictured here at the famous site are (rear, l. to r.) Robert Bertrand, Todd Henshaw, Lenny DiPasqua, Polly Henshaw, Jonathan Henshaw, (middle, l. to r.) Lisa Bertrand, Patty DiPasqua, Susan Henshaw, Kim Henshaw, and (front) Phillip Mello and George Henshaw.

from threatening this historic monument in the future.

The Capital Campaign, titled "Preserving Marion's Traditions," was officially launched on Sunday, December 14, 2003. To the committee's great surprise and appreciation, two very generous anonymous donations have already been made. The first donation in the amount of \$10,000 is earmarked for the restoration project itself. The second donation of \$5,000 is committed to fund the Capital Campaign Dinner scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2004 at Lillard Hall in Tabor Academy.

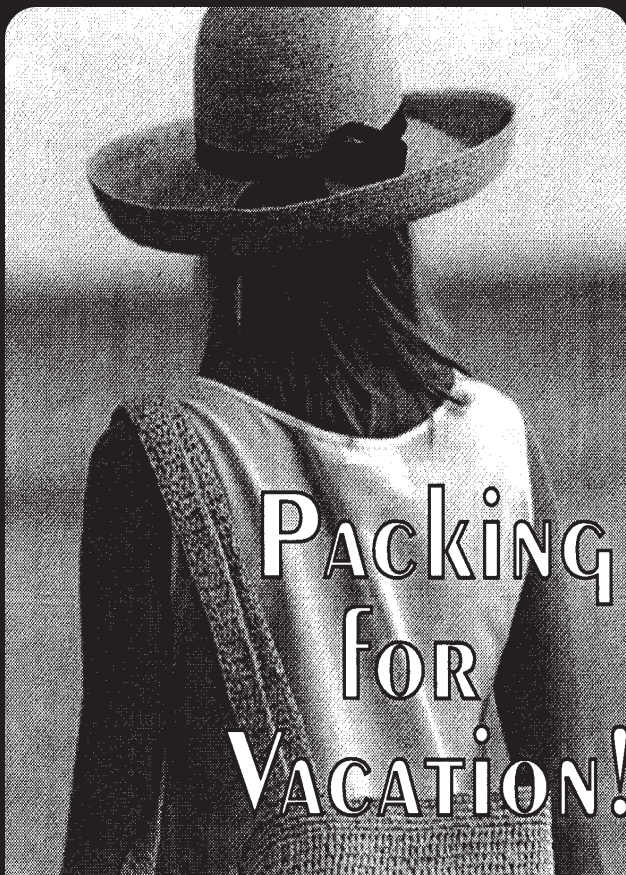
These donations epitomize the history of philanthropy that is the cornerstone of the development of the Town of Marion. The Captain's Marion Meeting House was originally built through the generosity of ten ship's captains who each gave \$1,000 to build the church. Some think that the donations from the ten captains may have later inspired the great philanthropy of Elizabeth Taber who donated funds for the Marion Town House, the Elizabeth Taber Library, Tabor Academy, and the Marion Music Hall (also recently renovated with an anonymous gift).

The "Preserving Marion's Traditions" Campaign for the restoration of the Captain's Marion Meeting House would like to express their sincere appreciation for the anonymous donations made at such an early stage in the campaign. The church community is strong of heart but small in numbers and has modest means. They operate on an annual budget that is raised annually and is no way subsidized by a higher church organization. Therefore, the committee must widen the opportunity to support the historic preservation of an important architectural and historic landmark.

Anyone interested in more information about helping in this endeavor is asked to please contact Jack Fyock, Chairman of the "Preserving Marion's Traditions" Campaign, at 508-763-5903.

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ORR Students Raise Money for Families

By Marge Aleardi

Students at Old Rochester Regional High School reached deep into their pockets this past holiday season to raise more than \$3,300 dollars for families in need with each homeroom contributing at least \$50 for the drive.

This annual fundraiser provides gift bags loaded with gift certificates to area families, allowing mothers and fathers the opportunity to shop for and buy the things that they know their children need. Christmas is a time when dreams come true and only parents truly know the dreams of their children.

Family names are submitted by the school nurses from each of the tri-town area elementary schools. The students at the high school don't know the names of the recipients so their privacy can be protected.

Each gift bag contains four gift certificates including \$150 to the North Dartmouth Mall, \$150 to Wal-Mart and \$100 to Shaws. There is also a small amount of cash to allow families to complete their lists. The increase in donations this year allowed more families to benefit.

The ORR Student Council, under the direction of Mike Nailor, was very helpful in assuring the success of this holiday campaign. Each homeroom not only met its goal but there were a number of classes whose generosity went above and beyond what could have been expected. Four homerooms doubled their goals: Mr. Hohne, Ms.

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The students of ORR were proud of their hard work and generosity and were treated to an ice cream sundae party on the last day of school before vacation.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

January 5, 2004

By Eletha M. Yeaton

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Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman pro tem Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco. Selectmen Chairman Barry Denham was not present for the meeting.

After signing all bills and vouchers for the week, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the meetings of December 15, 16, and 17, 2003.

At 7:04 pm, the board interviewed Laura McLean, 16 Foster Street, for appointment to the Mattapoissett Tree Planting Committee. After listening to her presentation and explaining what the committee is trying to accomplish, the board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. McLean. She was then sworn in by Town Clerk Barbara Sullivan.

The next item for action was the vote on Sunday openings for liquor establishments in town as per a recent change in Massachusetts state law. Town Administrator Botelho said he had contacted the establishments in town and they were not particularly interested in being open on Sunday unless forced to by competition. The board has no objection to Sunday openings, but Selectman Lombard would like each establishment to apply to the Selectmen for permission if they wish to open. All agreed that this was a good policy, and no vote was necessary pending future developments.

The board then had the sad duty of accepting

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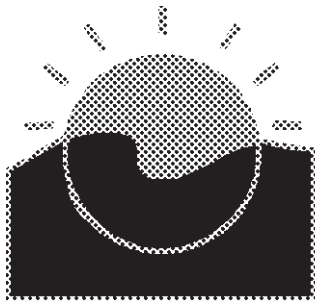
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with regret the resignation of Fire Alarm Superintendent Paul Kelley. They had high praise for all that he has accomplished for the town during 44 years of service. All agreed that he would be sorely missed.

In other matters, the board discussed:

- Memo from Finance Director Judy Mooney on a meeting held on December 10 with Paul Murphy of Turner Construction, Town Administrator, Michael Botelho, and herself in regards to current total expenses involving the Old Hammondtown School project. Mr. Botelho remarked that the numbers were very close to the appropriation and were acceptable.

- A letter from Board of Health Agent Dale Barrows to School Superintendent William Cooper

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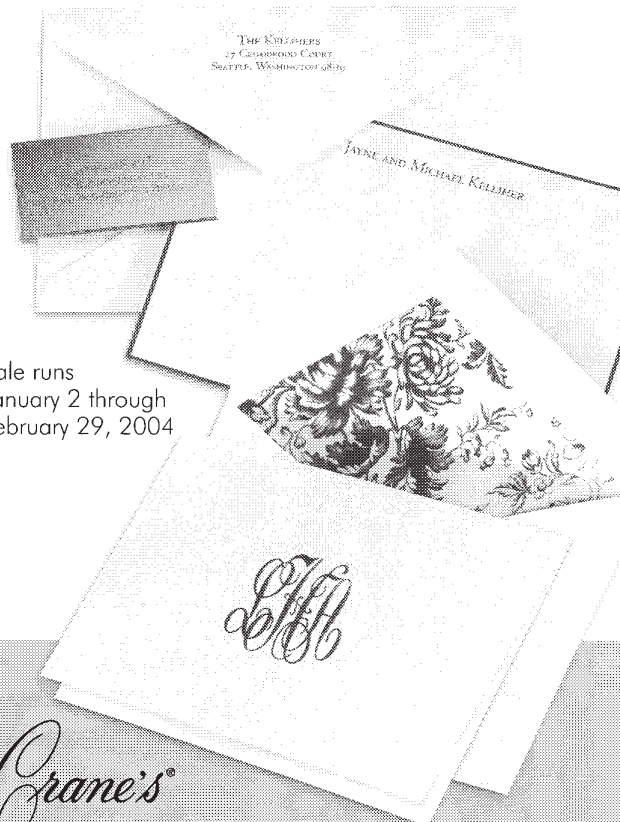
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informing him of the septic system problem at Old Hammondtown School. A second pump has been activated and they are in the process of hooking up to the town sewer, probably by this Saturday.

- A letter from Rick Bettencourt, member of the Skateboard Park Committee to the Planning Board Chairman Ron Merlo asking that they review the agreement between the Town of Mattapoisett and J.B. Lanagan Construction agreed to by all parties for the Mattapoisett Skateboard Park. The Skateboard Park Committee has some different concepts concerning the agreement.

- Notice from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) approving the tax rate of \$12.35 per \$1,000 for the Town of Mattapoisett for FY 2004. The lateness of the approval was the reason the tax bills were late in being processed, although Selectman Lombard praised the exceptional effort of the Board of Assessors' office to issue them as quickly as they did and apologized for the delay.

- Information from the Coalition For Buzzards Bay (CBB) announcing they would be coordinating the development of a comprehensive Geographic Oil Spill Response Plan for Buzzards Bay. Selectman Andrews had been trying to coordinate the program through State Representative Barney Frank and the town Fire Chiefs. Evidently the CBB is going to do it, and he is agreeable to that.

- A letter of thanks from the law firm of Kopelman and Paige for appointing them as new Town

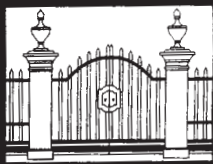


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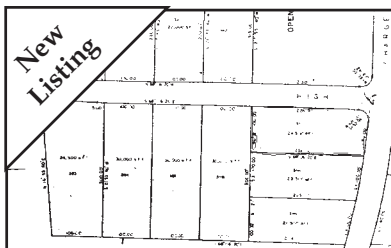
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- A fire report from Fire Chief Ronald E. Scott on a fire incident that happened at the Mattapoisett Housing Authority on December 30, 2003. A meeting was held with Chief Scott, Chief of Police Mary Lyons, Executive Director Louise Sousa and Town Administrator Botelho to examine ways to educate residents about procedures in the future.

The board also noted the following:

- There will be no Selectmen's meeting on Monday, January 19 due to the Martin Luther King holiday. The Selectmen's Meeting for that week will be held the next day, Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

- The next Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 5:00 pm at the Fairhaven Department of Public Works (DPW) office.

- The next Mattapoisett Elementary School Building Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8 at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

- Fire Department Burning Schedule and Fee Permits can be obtained at the Mattapoisett Fire Station from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for a \$10 fee. Burning will be allowed from January 13 through April 30, 2004.

- The Mattapoisett Highway Department will be picking up Christmas trees the week of January 5. All trees must be free of ornaments with the cut end pointed towards the street.

Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho reported that he sent a letter to new Town Counsels Kopelman and Paige making official their appointment under the terms of agreement dated November 21, 2003. Mr. Botelho wanted to discuss the anticipated projection of possible assessments with them which are for services not covered under their agreed-upon retainer fee.

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In other matters, the board:

- Noted the minutes of the Mattapoissett Housing Partnership Committee are up to date and in the office;

- The Tree Department equipment and duties are now being housed and performed by the Highway Department;

- All department heads will meet with Mr. Botelho on Tuesday, January 13 at 10:00 am to discuss the Workmen's Compensation Policy with new benefits at no additional cost;

- Mattapoissett has a credit of \$2,300 from FY 2003; and

- Budget letters have been sent out to all department heads to submit their proposed budgets for FY 2005.

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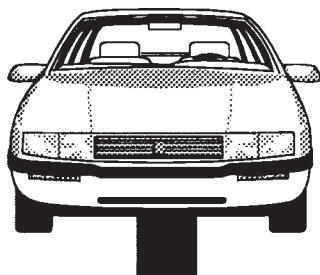
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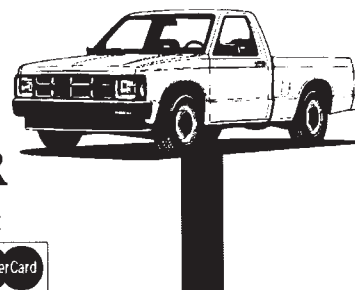


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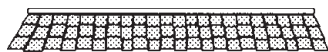
In response to a letter from Jack McGill, Chairman of the Mattapoisett Fire Station Building Committee, the Selectmen agreed that it would be wise to include representatives of both the Fire Department and the Water and Sewer Department in their efforts to find the most cost-effective solution to their similar needs for space. The Water and Sewer Commissioners recommended the appointment of William T. Nicholson and Gary Gaspar to the joint venture. The Selectmen unanimously approved the appointments, and a letter will be sent to the respective committees to that effect.

The Town of Marion has contacted Mattapoisett concerning joint negotiations for contract and license renewals with Comcast cable. The Town Administrators of both towns will meet and work together to present joint concerns to the cable company in a united effort to improve service. Selectman Andrews is very concerned that Comcast is already billing the Town of Mattapoisett for their legal fees involved in the renegotiation process.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:55 pm.

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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

January 6, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Andrew Jeffrey. Also present were Selectman Benjamin Bryant, Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first approved the minutes of December 15 meeting and then reviewed the following incoming correspondence:

- Letter from the Department of Housing and



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Community Development advising that the Town of Marion is now "Housing Certified" under Executive Order 418 for the period ending June 30, 2004.

- Letter from Camp, Dresser and McKee (CDM) advising they have submitted a Form 4C: Site Plan Application for the Marion Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade.

- Letter from the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) announcing that they are coordinating the development of a comprehensive Geographic Oil Spill Response Plan for Buzzards Bay (BBGRP) as a result of the April 2003 Bouchard #120 Oil Spill incident.

- Memo from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) regarding the Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Plans which must all be completed by November of 2004. Congress has recently authorized funding for PDM Grants for local communities that successfully complete PDM Plans.

- Memo from Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow advising that the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has moved the closure line in Hammett's Cove approximately 1,000 feet to the north, resulting in more open waters available for the taking of shellfish.

In other matters, the board:

- Considered a recommendation from the Police Station Building Committee to appoint Will Saltonstall to their group since he has agreed to not submit a proposal for design work on the project. Selectman Pierce recused



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himself from the discussion since he is an employee of Tabor Academy and the property in question still belongs to the school.

Everyone agreed that Mr. Saltonstall would greatly benefit the project as both a Marion resident and experienced architect. "(Mr. Saltonstall's appointment) was unanimous among the committee members," said Police Chief Lincoln Miller.

Although they supported Mr. Saltonstall's appointment, the board agreed to take the matter under advisement until their next meeting in keeping with past practice.

- Voted to appoint John Hobbs to the Marion Cemetery Commission with a term to expire May 31, 2006 upon a recommendation from Loretta

At 7:10 pm the board met with Stuart Richardson, Chairman of the Marion Housing Committee, along with John and Maggie Sweeney, who currently have a purchase and sale agreement for the property at the corner of Spring Street and Route 6, the site of the former Hardware Cafe and the current site of Maggie's Ice Cream Shop.

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with the Sweeneys on a project that we think is going to be great for the town," Mr. Richardson said. "We are blessed with a group that really understands the project and understands what we want in this town. Because the project is significantly different from what was (previously) proposed, I've asked them to make a presentation."

"I've been in the architectural business for going on 40 years and I've built a lot of Cape-style buildings," Mr. Sweeney said. "(We're proposing) a two-story building, with about 6500 feet of (retail) space on the first level. What we'd like to do is continue the ice cream shop in the front part of the building ... and maybe five other shops. We're not talking about a big development here, we're talking small shops — and above that, four two-bedroom apartments. Two of the apartments will be rented as affordable (housing)."

Behind that structure, Mr. Sweeney said they are also proposing the construction of two townhouse-style buildings with two units each which will be sold outright and earmarked for senior housing.

"We've got a nice mix here all around," Mr. Sweeney said.

"If you buy into the concept, the next move is to begin the Local Initiative Program (LIP) to put affordable housing in the town," Mr. Richardson said.

"I think it's unbelievable," Chairman Jeffrey said. "It's very different from the initial proposal. I think it shows what can be done when people work together. I'm very impressed."

"Among our key areas of concern were density," Mr. Richardson added. "In most of Marion we've got two-acre zoning. Here you've got a quarter-acre and you're going to put several units on it. We're proposing to limit it to eight units. Another concern is green space ... we're looking at 30 percent. Thirdly, parking was an issue. The

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parking in there now does the job (but) we have worked out an arrangement where we can (also) park in the back of the Sippican Cafe."

"What we're asking is to waive density and mixed use (requirements)," said Terry Lee of the Housing Task Force. "We have complied to everything else according to site plan review (with the Planning Board)."

"The bottom line is I can't think of anything we can do in this town to set the bar as high (or) put the model in the right place," agreed A. Lee Hayes. "We had a vision for Route 6 that was not Fairhaven and not Wareham. The whole idea lay dormant for five years and the Planning Board picked up the ball ... and here's the first new real (project) that we can talk about. I think it's a great start for us."

"It doesn't always work, but this proves it can work," Selectman Bryant said. "This is the way towns should be working with developers."

With that, the board voted to endorse the proposed project as presented by the Sweeneys and the Marion Housing Task Force.

The board next considered two requests for water bill abatements, the first from Stanley S. Russo of Pine Hill Lane and the second from Alan and Linda Solomon of Spinnaker Lane. In keeping with past practice, the board was reluctant to approve either request.

"I can't see going against the precedents we've set in the past," Selectman Bryant said. "This is a hard lesson learned ... if there's a leak running all summer long, the water passed through the meter."

"Whether it's through a plumbing error or not, it's the homeowner's responsibility," Selectman Pierce said.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock suggested the board contact current retail liquor establishment license holders with regards to

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Chairman Jeffrey discussed a recent meeting with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as to the status of the Marion Landfill.

"We got notification from DEP asking if we were making progress on closing the transfer station," Chairman Jeffrey said. "We informed DEP that next week we're going to meet with the Carver/Marion/Wareham Regional Refuse District and we're going to discuss moving the transfer station expeditiously. There may be a possibility of providing a temporary site. We told them we made the decision to go with urban soil only ... to close and cap the landfill."

Selectman Benjamin Bryant then made a formal announcement that he will not seek re-election in April. "My experience has been something I've enjoyed, but because of personal things going on in my life, it's just not something I can continue right now," he said.

His fellow board members expressed regret that



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he will not be continuing on in his role after serving a single three-year term of office.

"I think the town has been very well-served in having you as a Selectman," Selectman Pierce said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:55 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

January 5, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, January 5 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Gary Laboa, and Town Administrator James Huntoon. Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere was not present for the meeting.

The board first approved the minutes of the December 15 and December 22 meetings, both Regular and Executive Sessions, and then unanimously voted to renew an existing Class II Used Car Dealer's License for Steve's Collision and Paint Center, Inc. and also an Automatic Amusement License for Towne Pizza and Restaurant.

In light of the recent retirement of Helena Brown, the board also unanimously signed and approved a Personnel Action Form (PAF) for Lorraine Lacombe,

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Under incoming correspondence, the board received a letter from the Plymouth County Commissioners regarding the Health Claims Trust Fund. According to County Administrator Rosalie A. Rodick, there seems to have been some misperceptions proliferated in recent newspaper articles over the county's health fund.

"The County was aware that we had a deficit and put in place a three-year plan to increase the premiums to eliminate the deficit," Ms. Rodick wrote. "Action was taken on April 1, 2002 to increase the rates for fiscal 2003 and on April 1, 2003 to increase the rates for this fiscal 2004. Our audit has just been completed and at the end of

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The board also received confirmation from Public Consulting Group, Inc. of Rochester's ODP Homeland Security Assessment and MDPH Emergency Preparedness Survey which was recently completed by town department heads and coordinated by Mr. Huntoon. The board praised the cooperative efforts of everyone involved in getting this dense document prepared and submitted in a timely manner.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon reminded the board that there was a meeting on Wednesday, January 7 with the architects for Memorial School and another meeting slated for Thursday, January 8 with the civilian dispatchers of the Communications Department.

Under Old Business, the board unanimously voted to sign a release form to waive the town's right of first refusal under Chapter 61A for a small parcel of land owned by Maurice Fuller which was discussed at a recent meeting. The property is being removed from a conserva-

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Selectman Nunes reported to his fellow board members as to the recent and forthcoming meetings of the proposed Regional Water District with neighboring towns. "Basically, I responded that Rochester is looking to preserve its water rights," he said. "If this is a district simply (being established) for water treatment, then it doesn't seem Rochester needs to be involved. There was a discussion at the last meeting regarding whether or not the individual towns wanted to include their wells in the district. I'm not sure where the committee is headed with respect to that ... (and) at this point I'm not exactly sure

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"They're talking about putting a substantial treatment facility down on Wolf Island Road," Mr. Huntoon added. "Those are the things they have to decide. Mattapoisett has five wells ... that need to be treated. Mattapoisett right now does not have a (water) problem — Marion has a problem."

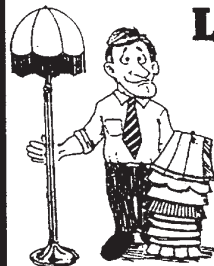
Selectman Nunes said he will keep the board updated as to the progress made at a meeting planned for later in the week.

The board then briefly discussed the upcoming budget review process for Fiscal Year 2005, and Mr. Huntoon noted that all departments under the purview of the Board of Selectmen should first meet with the Selectmen before going before the Finance Committee (FinCom) to submit their budget requests.

Selectman Nunes said some department heads expressed concerns over how the budget process was previously handled and the FinCom's denial of requested funding without being given the opportunity to modify figures or submit a revised budget request.

"You explain to them what you need the money for and sometimes it doesn't get through," Chairman Parker said.

"My goal would be to present the budget on Town Meeting floor that we've all agreed to," Selectman Laboa said. "If it's not in the budget, then we didn't recommend it."



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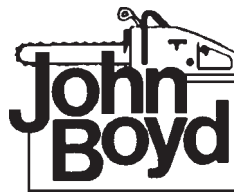
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At 7:35 pm the board met with members of the FinCom to discuss the budgeting process for FY 2005 further.

"We've had a discussion in the past about the (budget) process and one of the key things we talked about was the departments having sufficient time to come back after their budget (requests) have been modified," Selectman Laboa said. "If a board or a department thinks they need the support of the Board of Selectmen, they should have that opportunity. Does the process allow for sufficient time for the departments ... to make changes?"

"Traditionally the budget requests come in late ... and the last-minute requests are what create problems," said FinCom Chairman Michael Costa. "We'd certainly



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like people to have the opportunity to go through and challenge the budget (recommendations) ... but I'm open to suggestions as to how we can improve the process."

As an example, FinCom member Shirley Bourque said the Board of Assessors took the opportunity during last year's budget process to modify their budget recommendation, even though they only had a "small window" of opportunity before the final budget had to be finalized for Town Meeting.

"The majority of the people who have to put these budgets together have been doing this for numerous years," said FinCom member Michael Bare. "They know the schedule, they know when the budget process starts, they know things are going to be tight. There's nothing precluding them from coming before us earlier."

"Department heads, as far as I'm concerned, need to look at what they think is necessary," Selectman Laboa said. "I don't want department heads to think there's nothing they can't put forward that's reasonable. I just want everyone to know 'this is the target date when it needs to get done.' And we want to do whatever we can to help the process, too."

When asked if they could expect any surprises from this year's budget, Selectman Laboa mentioned the proposed Memorial School project, the possibility of funding a modular building adjacent to Town Hall to relieve space constraints, along with an expected budget shortfall this year for Special Education at Memorial School — estimated to be anywhere from \$50,000 to \$80,000, according to Mr. Costa.

"I think the most important thing is to get your budgets ready for us as soon as possible," Mr. Costa stressed. "It would be ideal if we had a 30-day comment period before going to Town Meeting."

There being no further matters to discuss in Open Session, the board unanimously voted to go into Execu-



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tive Session at 7:55 pm to discuss contract negotiations
and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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Mattapoisett Madness

The **Mattapoisett Recreation Committee** is a group of town-appointed individuals whose goal is to provide recreational programs and facilities for all the people of Mattapoisett. On **Saturday, January 10, 2004** they are sponsoring their **Second Annual Mid-Day Madness Basketball Kickoff** at **Old Hammondtown School** beginning at 11:30 am. A group of volunteers will run the celebration. This event will officially open the basketball season for girls and boys in Grades 3 through 6. About 160 children will participate in this celebration. There will be a Chinese Auction and raffles to help raise funds to support the day's events and other future endeavors. An exciting day of food, pictures and games has been planned for the players.

Marion Skating

Marion Family Time Ice Skating will take place at the **Tabor Academy Rink, Front Street in Marion**, at a cost of \$3 per person. Family skating will be held on the following dates and times:

- 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm – Sunday, January 11;
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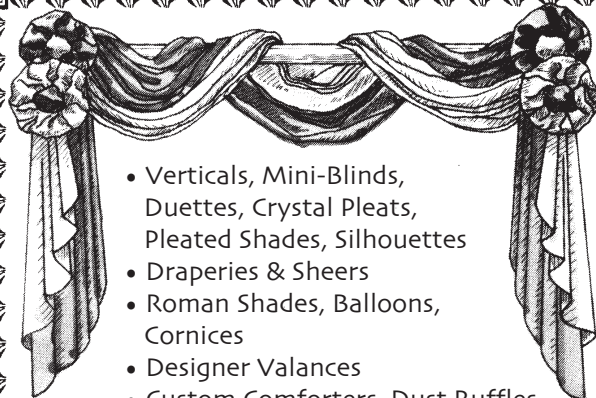
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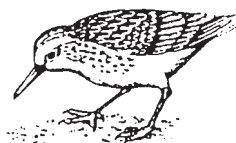
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A **Children's Skating Program** will also be held at the **Tabor Academy Rink** on **Saturdays, January 10 through February 28, 2004** from **10:45 to 11:45 am**. The program will focus on basic skating and hockey skills. The cost for eight weeks of group lessons (ages 4 and older) is \$90 per person. For more information, please call **Lee Horner** at **508-420-3447**.

Marion Soccer

An **Over 30 Soccer Team** is forming in Marion and they are now recruiting experienced players over age 29+ that live in the area and can play home and away games on Sundays. This is a very organized New England league with good competition and great fun. Even if it has been awhile, dust off the boots and give them a call. For more details, please call **Steve Wyman** at **508-748-1178**.

Fairhaven Recreation

Fairhaven Recreation is offering programs for non-residents for an additional fee. Fall youth programs include **Flag Football, Yoga for Kids, Mommy and Me Playgroup, Mommy and Me Yoga, Tiny Blades, and Learn to Skate**. Adult programs include: **20-20-20, Kick Fit, Pilates, Step and Bodysculpting, and Yoga**. For more information, please call **508-993-9269** or visit them on the web at **www.fairhavenrecreation.com**.

Women's Lacrosse

The **Eastern Massachusetts Women's Lacrosse Umpires Association (EMWLUA)** is looking to recruit new candidates. High school girls' lacrosse is growing by leaps and bounds across the state and there is a shortage of umpires (especially on Cape Cod and the Islands). Lacrosse officials, male or female, are needed for the 2004 women's high school lacrosse season. No experience is needed and training will be held in January, February and March. Please call **781-344-9705** for more information.

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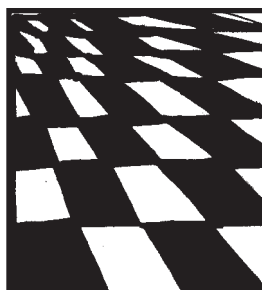
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

It's been said, "It takes a village to educate a child." So too, it has taken the Rochester Memorial School staff and outside community individuals and organizations to provide food and gifts to some Rochester families feeling a crunch during the holidays. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, forty-one children have benefited from the assistance of the Rochester Memorial School staff. Assisting in our efforts were: students at Old Rochester Regional High School, the Rochester Police Brotherhood, the Rochester Lions' Club, ABC Day Care, Brownie Troop #170, Junior Girl Scout Troop #99, Rochester Cub Scout Pack #30, employees of American Ref-Fuel of SEMASS, Lloyd's Market, and several Rochester mothers who became aware of our need and stepped up to the plate. All of the above-named individuals and organizations have been overwhelmingly generous. I feel so blessed to be a part of a community that so willingly supports one another throughout the year. To all who contributed, I wish you a (post-)holiday season of peace and great joy! Many thanks!

Sincerely,

Sue Norton, Assistant Principal
Rochester Memorial School

To the Editor:

On Monday, December 22, 2003, I had the pleasure of being the substitute teacher for Ms. Duong's fifth grade class at



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Old Hammondtown School. On that day, the Old Hammondtown students were transported to the high school to watch the dress rehearsal of the wonderful show "Paint The Town December," directed by Jean West and performed by the Center School students.

Ms. Duong's class was a perfect audience. The children were alert and attentive to the entire performance, and showed the appropriate appreciation for the outstanding effort and achievement of the Center School students. I am happy to report that, rather than having to correct any behavior, I was able to sit back and enjoy the show.

As a music teacher and musician myself, I have unfortunately grown accustomed to adults carrying on conversations during performances and people of all ages entering and leaving an auditorium in the middle of a performance. Indeed, it is a sad commentary that at the beginning of most of the professional performances I have attended in the last two years, an announcer has to request that people turn off their cell phones.

I think we should invite Ms. Duong's class to all our area performances as a fine example of an appreciative audience. Congratulations to those students, their parents, and the teachers and staff of the Old Hammondtown School.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Y. Wheeler
Marion

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Tri-Town Business Association

There is a new service organization growing in the tri-town area. It is called the Tri-Town Business Association and they are looking to expand membership. They meet the third Wednesday of the month, from 8:00 to 9:00 am at the Rochester Woman's Club, Route 105, in Rochester. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 21. Attorney Donald H. Barnes of 565 Rounseville Road, Rochester will discuss the legal aspects of organizations.

You are invited to attend, join and add your experience and expertise to the group. Why? Come and see. Each month the Program Team brings in speakers and they have a roundtable discussion of different topics. In September they discussed Health Care issues; in October the speaker drove down from Stoneham to share his businesses community involvement commitment. In November they discussed the local school system and how local businesses can become more involved. In December they toured Old Rochester Regional High School.

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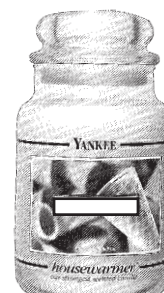
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Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club will hold their first meeting of 2004 on Saturday, January 17 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street. Harold Nye will speak on the Battleship *USS Massachusetts*. The ship's final voyage brought it to Battleship Cove in Fall River. Refreshments will be served and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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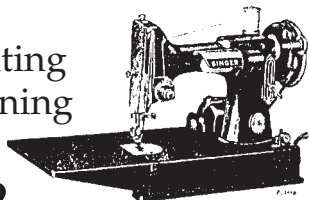
Debra Blanchette, Treasurer/Tax Collector for the Town of Marion, has had her designation as Certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer renewed for an additional period of five years. Ms. Blanchette's renewal was granted by the Board of Certification of the statewide organization of local Tax Collectors and Treasurers, the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association. Renewal is awarded every five years only to those previ-

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In a letter to the Board of Selectmen, Executive Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association extended congratulations and conveyed thanks of that body to the people of Marion for supporting Ms. Blanchette's efforts which culminated in this honor and achievement. Mr. Nordberg went on to say he was confident that the people of Marion would continue to support their Treasurer/Collector's efforts to maintain and increase her expertise.

Ms. Blanchette received her Renewal Certificate on December 17 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester during luncheon ceremonies which were attended by many state and local government notables.

Rochester Annual Election

Rochester Town Clerk Naida Parker has announced that nomination papers are now available to be taken out for the April 14, 2004 Annual Town Election. Nomination papers may be taken out for the following positions:

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- Highway Surveyor (1 position, 3 years) – Jeffrey

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- Constables (2 positions, 3 years) – David Hughes and Edith Young, incumbents;
- Board of Health (1 position, 3 years) – John Lafreniere, incumbent;
- Board of Assessors (1 position, 3 years) – Suzanne Syndlar, incumbent;
- Plumb Library Trustees (2 positions, 3 years) – Jack Fyock and Lena Bourque, incumbents;
- Cemetery Commission (1 position, 3 years) – George Church, incumbent;
- Park Commission (2 positions, 1 year each) – Douglas Church, incumbent, and Gary Laboa, resigned;
- Rochester Memorial School Committee (1 position, 3 years) – Deborah Martin, incumbent;
- Old Rochester Regional School District (1 position, 3 years) – Margo Mello, incumbent.

The last day to take out nomination papers is February 25, 2004. Dog Licenses are now also available at the Town Clerk's office (\$7 neutered/spayed pets, \$10 intact) along with 2004 Beach and Transfer Station Stickers (\$5 each). Reminder: the last day to register to vote for the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary is **February 11, 2004**.

Marion Nomination Papers

Nomination papers are now available for the Marion Annual Town Election to be held on April 30, 2004 for the following offices:

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21 Grams. Starring Sean Penn, Benicio Del Toro, and Naomi Watts. Directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu. Running time: 125 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

As we enter the fifth year of the "aughts," I still haven't seen a film this decade as electrifying and forceful as *Amores Perros*, the 2000 debut feature by the Mexican wizard Alejandro González Iñárritu. His new one, *21 Grams*, carries both the excitement and the self-defeat of a young filmmaker convinced that he can do anything. It's a brilliant failure — a structural experiment that dazzles in individual pieces but utterly lacks any overriding, accumulating emotional power. I'm very glad that I saw it and that it was made, and I never want to see González Iñárritu do it again.

21 Grams tells a rather simple story, or trio of stories, which, like the tales in *Amores Perros*, are unified by a vehicular tragedy. Jack Jordan (Benicio Del Toro) is an ex-convict who has given it over to Jesus; he credits his Savior with everything from his clean new life to the big truck he drives. One night, driving this truck, Jack cuts a corner too fast and kills a man and his two daughters, leaving behind a grief-stricken widow, Cristina Peck (Naomi Watts), a recovering drug addict who has flung herself into her family as avidly as Jack has into religion. Cristina makes the hard decision to allow her husband's heart to be donated to Paul Rivers (Sean Penn), an ailing math professor who desperately needs it.

The fatal problem with *21 Grams* is that the story is largely given to us in shuffled pieces; the chronology is splintered and all over the map. Hardly any scenes proceed from each other; González Iñárritu and his writer, Guillermo Arriaga, are too busy hopping around in time. Now Cristina



has a family, now she doesn't, now she does again. Now Paul is dying, now he has a new heart and a new lease on life, now he's dying again. Now Paul has long hair and a job, now he's in jail, now he's got short hair and a job, now he's in jail again. Eventually, somewhere in the second hour, the movie does become somewhat more linear, but the damage is done. The structure simply doesn't let any of the characters build an arc of growth or despair; aside from being confusing, the narrative locks us out.

González Iñárritu does pull off some overwhelming moments, with the help of an eager cast (also including Charlotte Gainsbourg as Paul's estranged wife and Melissa Leo as Jack's slightly frightened wife). Del Toro's Jack burns with shame and religious conviction — either way he's burning, and Del Toro lets you see how tenuous Jack's pious restraint on his inner animal sometimes is. Penn's Paul is a quiet, intellectual type, of the sort Penn doesn't often play, who gets caught up in the passion of looking for the former owner of his heart. Watts shines brightest as the despairing Cristina, decaying before our eyes, a lost soul redeemed by family and then removed from it. *21 Grams* is powerfully acted and, scene for scene, well-directed, but I can't say it's well-put-together. Nor can I say the movie's baffling scheme is lazy or pointless; it has clearly been structured this way for a reason, but nothing in the film will tell you why.

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Stuck on You (PG-13) – 7:20, 9:40

Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) – 12:35, 3:20, 7:05, 9:40

Peter Pan (PG) – 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35

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Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13) – 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30

Paycheck (PG-13) – 12:30, 3:40, 7:20, 9:50

Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) – 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20

FLAGSHIP CINEMA 12

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Friday, January 9 through Thursday, January 15.

Big Fish (PG-13) – 12:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00

Chasing Liberty (PG-13) – 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

My Baby's Daddy (PG-13) – 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:15, 9:25

Peter Pan (PG) – 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20

21 Grams (R) – 12:40, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) – 12:00, 4:00, 8:00

Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) – 12:15, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:15

Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13) – 12:20, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30

Elf (PG) – 7:05, 9:30

Stuck on You (PG-13) – 9:35

Cold Mountain (R) – 12:35, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) – 12:25, 3:15, 7:10, 9:45

Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat (PG) – 12:30

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Calendar Girls (PG-13) – Fri: 4:00, 6:40, 9:10; Sat: 12:50, 4:00, 6:40, 9:10; Sun: 12:50, 4:00, 6:40; Mon-Thu: 3:55, 6:40

21 Grams (R) – Fri: 3:40, 6:35, 9:05; Sat: 12:40, 3:40, 6:35, 9:05; Sun: 12:40, 3:40, 6:35; Mon-Thu: 3:40, 6:35

In America (PG-13) – Fri: 3:45, 6:50, 9:00; Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:50, 9:00; Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:50; Mon-Thu: 3:45, 6:50

Cold Mountain (R) – Fri: 3:50, 7:45; Sat: 12:30, 3:50, 7:45; Sun: 12:15, 3:20, 6:30; Mon-Thu: 3:20, 6:30

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- Planning Board (3 years) – Robert F. Bennett

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Monday, January 12 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, January 13 – Baked macaroni and cheese, bologna sandwich, diced ham, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, January 14 – Popcorn chicken, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 15 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, January 16 – NO SCHOOL.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, January 12 – Beef burgundy, whipped potatoes, Harvard beets, whole wheat roll, apricots in light syrup.

Tuesday, January 13 – Pasta with meat sauce, green beans, scali bread, butterscotch pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Wednesday, January 14 – Cream of broccoli soup, honey lime chicken, rice pilaf, snowflake roll, apple.

Thursday, January 15 – Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, oatmeal bread, brownie, graham wafer.

Friday, January 16 – Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomatoes, muffin, pears in light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPoisETT

Monday, January 12 – Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, smiley fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, steak fries, corn on the cob, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 14 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, chicken fillet, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, January 15 – Pepperoni or cheese stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, January 16 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, January 12 – Chicken teriyaki pattie, egg/bacon/cheese croissant, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, January 13 – Cheese lasagna, veal cutlet sandwich, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, January 14 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, grilled cheese, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 15 – Hot dog on a roll, grilled cheese, French fries, milk.

Friday, January 16 – NO SCHOOL.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, January 12 – Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, smiley fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 13 –

Hamburger/cheeseburger, steak fries, corn on the cob, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 14 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, chicken fillet, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, January 15 – Pepperoni or cheese stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, January 16 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, January 12 – Shaved steak, French fries, green beans, chilled fruit.

Tuesday, January 13 – Soft taco or chicken fajita, tortilla chips, corn, pudding.

Wednesday, January 14 – Soup, turkey club, ham salad roll, hash brown pattie, carrots, marble cake.

Thursday, January 15 – Meatball sub, toasted ham and cheese, spicy fries, peas, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, January 16 – Seafood salad, pizza, potato chips, veggie sticks, assorted dessert.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPoisETT

Monday, January 12 – Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, smiley fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, steak fries, corn on the cob, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 14 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, chicken fillet, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, January 15 – Pepperoni or cheese stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup,

salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, January 16 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, January 12 – Soup, chicken tenders, mashed potato, BBQ ribs, corn, gravy, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, January 13 – Soup, turkey taco, cheese quesadilla, lettuce/tomato, nacho cheese sauce, pudding, juice or milk.

Wednesday, January 14 – Soup, American chop suey, chicken nuggets, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, January 15 – Soup, hot dog in a roll, McCrispy chicken, corn on the cob, potato puffs, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, January 16 – HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk served.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, January 12 – Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, smiley fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, steak fries, corn on the cob, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 14 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, chicken fillet, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, January 15 – Pepperoni or cheese stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, January 16 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

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Nomination papers may be obtained at the Marion Town Clerk's office, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street. They must be returned for certification by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 12, 2004. If you have any questions, please call Debra M. Blanchette, Town Clerk, at 508-748-3505.

Mattapoisett Tree Pickup

The Mattapoisett Highway Department will begin picking up Christmas trees beginning the week of January 5, 2004. Please have the trees at the curb, cut end facing out. If you have any questions, please call the Highway Department at 508-758-4181.

Sippican Woman's Club

"Your Financial Checkup" is the program topic for the Sippican Woman's Club's first meeting of the New Year. The meeting scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2004 at 12:30 pm will feature guest speaker and club member Kathleen Anderson, a Certified Financial Planner. Ms. Anderson, a financial services industry professional for 12 years, will share information regarding Estate Planning, LTC Insurance and Massachusetts Gift Tax changes. In addition, she will offer tips on how to chose a financial

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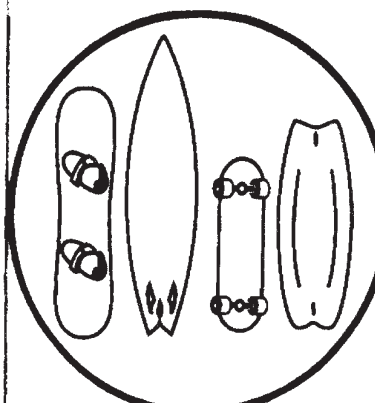
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23 Photography event of 1900
26 "Unforgettable" name
27 Snicker sound
28 Mexican Mrs.
29 Have a mortgage
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32 Sniggler's quarry
34 Baseball's Piniella
35 TV's "Green —"
37 Young follower?
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48 Roberts or Tucker
50 Only just
51 Olympic VIP
52 Med. test
53 Take in, perhaps

- 54 Big bang letters
55 Distress
56 Terror
57 Exhibition event of 1900
62 Solidarity city
64 Weldon or Wray
65 And others
66 Utah city
68 Way to go
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70 Queler or Arden
71 Heavenly hunter
73 Meir's successor
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77 Clasp
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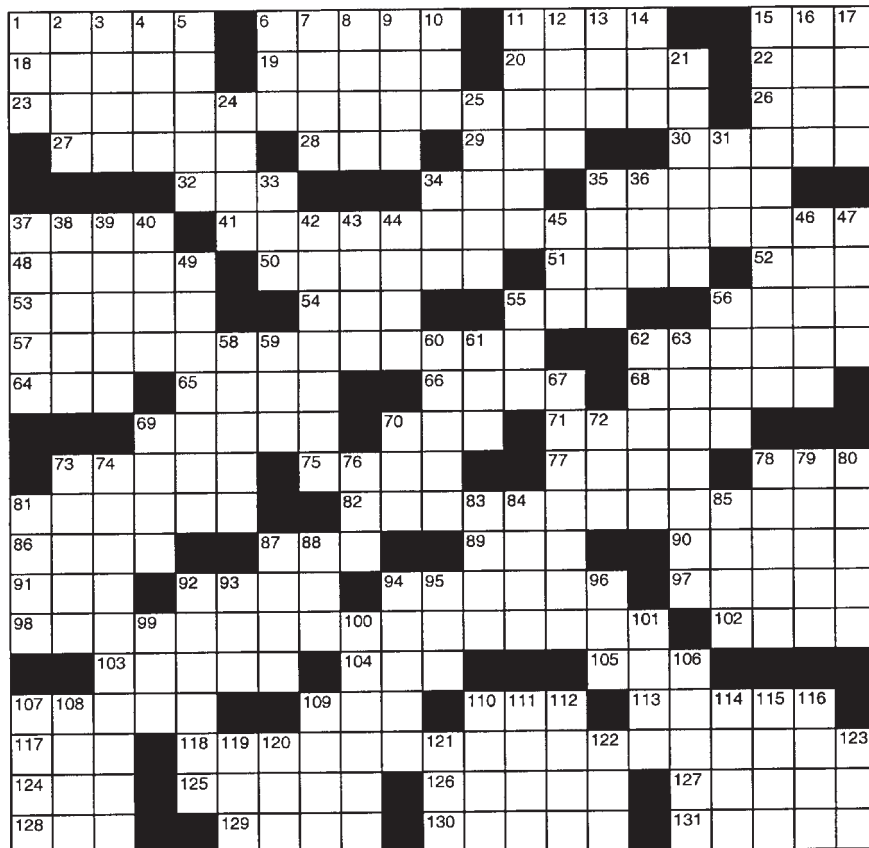
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130 Actor Gary
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3 Fairy-tale fiend
4 Snack
5 Cosmetician Lauder
6 Papal name
7 Auto pioneer
8 Century
9 "Lonely Boy" singer
10 Research site
11 Become an adult
12 Rob of "Wayne's World"
13 Barley beard
14 "Agnus —"
15 Word in a Dostoyevsky title
16 Coup d'—
17 See 115 Down
21 Rubble
24 Boat bottom
25 Commodious
31 Guitarist Paul
33 Tennis stroke
34 "— Abner"
35 Cain's victim
36 Actor Gulager
37 Rod
38 Actress Shire
39 Threshold
40 Bread and booze
42 Upset
43 Bond foe
44 New York team
45 "Raid on Entebbe" weapon
46 Rub out
47 Bogarde or

- Benedict
49 Apollo's sister
55 Veneration
56 Hawthorne's was marble
58 Make amends
59 Mideastern letters
60 Fly a chopper
61 Trams transport it
62 Barbecue title
63 Drew while distracted
67 Connecticut native
69 Border on walker
72 Hugo's "Le — s'amuse"
73 Lasso
74 Priced right
76 Canine grp.
78 Full of froth
79 Pianist Schnabel
80 A little night music?
81 Wet blanket
83 Junket
84 Fade away
85 Songwriter Jacques
87 English architect
88 — deco
92 '60 Hitchcock classic
93 Actress Thurman
94 Like some

- energy
95 Petite pooch
96 Thompson or Salonga
99 Rocker Whitcomb
100 August shows
101 554, to Tiberius
106 Preserve a petunia
107 Nail type
108 Berg opera
109 Blind as —
110 Callao's country
111 Desire deified
112 Use a stopwatch
114 Division word
115 With 17 Down, famed saxophonist
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119 Pretend
120 "Cry — River" ('55 song)
121 Yak
122 Aye opponent
123 Augsburg article



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be busier than you had expected right now. But between the socializing rounds and the workplace tasks, there are opportunities for special moments with that certain someone.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creative approach leads to a quicker-than-expected solution to a workplace problem. Now you can devote more time to that proposal you hope to introduce by midmonth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Technological glitches create problems early on. But by midweek, all runs smoothly once again, and you're well and truly on your way toward meeting all your deadlines.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels are high, and you feel you can handle everything that comes along. But try to take a break from your hectic pace for some quiet time with someone close to you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Before you pounce on that shiny new opportunity, take more time to check it out to see how much substance actually lies beneath all that glitter. A family member has important news.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A personal situation you thought was resolved resurfaces, thanks to a possibly well-intentioned move that went awry. Deal with it as soon as possible. Accept the help of a trusted friend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That goal you set way back when is finally in sight. Maintain your focus on achieving it, and don't allow yourself to be distracted by unimportant demands for your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A temperamental flare-up creates negative feelings that need to be dealt with immediately. But things once again go well after the apologies are made and hurt feelings are soothed.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An early impulsive act causes confusion. But all is smoothed over once explanations are made. Expect a friend or family member to ask for your kind and always wise advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might have to do some juggling of your priorities, as a personal matter appears to require more time and attention. Put your pride aside and accept help from those who offer it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your creative aspect is strong. Not only does it help you accomplish your goals, but it also inspires others. This could lead to a potentially rewarding collaboration opportunity.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful about making major decisions when you're not really committed to them. And resist any pressure to do otherwise. Better to delay action until all doubts are resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: You set goals and are rarely distracted by any attempt to move you off the path you've chosen to reach them.

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ORR Parents Association

The Parents Association of Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High School (ORRPA) will be presenting guest speakers at their monthly meetings. They've chosen timely subjects to interest the parents of all students. Their next meeting will be held on January 14 (normally they are held on the first Wednesday of the month) at 7:00 pm in the ORR High School Library (front entrance). This month's presentation will be delivered by Ms. Teresa Dall, Chairman of the ORR High School English Department. Ms. Dall will focus on preventing plagiarism through instruction rather than a punitive approach. ORRPA will also have the pleasure of Superintendent William Cooper addressing them on school information being aired on local cable/town negotiations with Comcast.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following by-law changes which were accepted at the Annual Town Meeting which convened on November 3, 2003 have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, and are published herewith in accordance with current regulations. Claims of invalidity of any of the amendments to the by-law by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or replacement may only be made within ninety days of the second publication (January 15, 2004) or April 14, 2004.

Copies of the by-law may be examined in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts, or they may be purchased from the Town Clerk for \$ 20.00.

Article S 16: Amend the Town of Marion By-laws, Article XXVIII, Water Use Restrictions, Section 5 (a), "Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering", by deleting the current wording and inserting in its place, "Outdoor Watering is permitted only on certain days of the week to be specified in the declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation and public notice thereof".

Article S 18: Amend the Town of Marion Zoning By-law, section 8.12, "Inclusionary Housing", as enacted by the Special Town Meeting on April 29, 2003 and approved by the Attorney General on August 15, 2003, by adding the following language as the last sentence at the end of paragraph 12(a):

"The fee in lieu of construction of affordable units shall be reviewed annually by the board of Selectmen on or before July 1 and adjusted to reflect the current cost of construction an affordable dwelling unit."

Article S 19: Amend section 4.2 of the Zoning By-law by changing the special permit-granting authority for some principal uses denoted in the Table of Principal Use Regulations

Principal Use	<i>Districts</i>						
	R	RE	G B	LB	MB	LI	CP
<i>A. Residential Use</i>							
Rooming house	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	N	N
<i>B. Institutional or Exempt Uses</i>							
Child care facility in new building	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
Hospital	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	PB	N
Municipal facilities	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PB	N
Essential services	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	N
<i>D. Recreational Uses</i>							
Camp, nonprofit	PB	PB	PB	N	N	PB	N

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Club, nonprofit	PB	PB	PB	N	N	PB	N
Club, for profit	N	N	PB	N	N	PB	N
Commercial recreation, indoor	N	N	PB	N	N	PB	N
Commercial recreation, outdoor	N	N	PB	N	N	PB	N
<i>E. Office Uses</i>							
Business or personal office	N	N	Y	Y	PB	Y	Y
<i>F. Restaurant Uses</i>							
Restaurant, indoor	N	N	Y	PB	Y	PB	N
Restaurant, outdoor	N	N	PB	PB	N	PB	N
Restaurant, fast-food	N	N	PB	N	N	N	N
<i>G. Retail Uses (under 5,000 sq. ft.)</i>							
Nonexempt roadside farm stand	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PB	Y
Nursery	PB	PB	Y	Y	Y	PB	N
Commercial greenhouse	PB	PB	Y	Y	Y	PB	Y
<i>I. Motor vehicle-related uses</i>							
Motor vehicle service station	N	N	Y	Y	Y	PB	N
Motor vehicle general repair	N	N	Y	N	N	PB	N
Motor vehicle body repair	N	N	Y	N	N	PB	N
Motor vehicle sales or rental	N	N	PB	N	N	PB	N
<i>J. Marine-related uses</i>							
Vessel or boat storage or sales	N	N	Y	PB	Y	PB	N
<i>K. Miscellaneous commercial uses</i>							
Body art parlor or studio	N	N	PB	N	N	N	N
Art gallery	PB	PB	Y	Y	N	PB	N
Nonexempt educational use	PB	PB	Y	Y	N	PB	N
Nursing or convalescent home	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	N

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Adult daycare facility	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	N
Contractor ' s yard	N	N	Y	N	N	PB	N
Landscaper ' s yard	N	N	Y	N	N	PB	N
Truck garden	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PB	N

<i>M. Accessory uses</i>	R	RE	G B	LB	MB	LI	CP
Home occupation	Y	PB	Y	PB	Y	PB	N
Accessory scientific use	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	N
Family day care, small	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	PB	N
Family day care, large	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	PB	N
Above ground fuel storage accessory to nonresidential principal use	N	N	PB	PB	PB	Y	N
Underground fuel storage accessory to nonresidential principal use	N	N	PB	N	N	Y	N

Article S 20: Amend the Zoning By-law by deleting in its entirety Section 9.10 and substituting the following therefore:

9.10 Procedures and Decision

1. Uses As of Right

For uses "as of right" the Planning Board shall provide notice of its decision on major and minor site plans to the applicant within sixty (60) days of its receipt of the application. That period may be extended by written request of the applicant. The decision of the Planning Board shall be based on a majority of those present and shall be in writing. The Building Commissioner shall not issue a building permit without the written approval of the site plan by the Planning Board unless sixty (60) days have elapsed from the date of the submittal of the site plan without action taken by the Planning Board.

2. Uses Available by Special Permit

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For special permits the Planning Board shall provide notice of its decision to the special permit granting authority within forty-five (45) days of its receipt of the application. That period may be extended by written request of the applicant. The decision of the Planning Board shall be based on a majority of those present and shall be in writing. The Building Commissioner shall not issue a building permit without the written approval of the site plan by the Planning Board unless forty-five (45) days have elapsed from the date of the submittal of the site plan without action taken by the Planning Board; however no site plan review shall be required for single family or two family uses. Where the Planning Board approves a site plan with conditions, and amendments is subject to a special permit, the conditions imposed by the Planning Board shall be incorporated into the issuance, if any, of a special permit by said granting authority.

3. Decision

The Planning Board may make the following determinations with regard to a site plan:

a. The Planning Board shall approve an application if it finds that the proposed development is in conformance with this bylaw, after considering whether the proposed plan will comply, to the extent feasible, with the standards set forth in section 9.4. In granting approval of an application, the Planning Board may impose conditions, limitations and safeguards that shall be in writing and shall be a part of the approval; or

b. The Planning Board may reject a site plan for the reasons set forth in section 9.3.

In the event the Planning Board approves a site plan application under these provisions, any construction, reconstruction, substantial exterior alteration, or addition shall be built or altered in conformity with any conditions, modifications and restrictions the board shall have made in its findings and determination and as set forth in the application and site plan.

No permit, or any extension, modification, or renewal thereof issued pursuant to this section shall take effect until the town clerk certifies that twenty (20) days have elapsed and no appeal has been filed, or that such appeal has been dismissed or denied.

4. Minor Changes to Approved Plan

Minor changes to the approved site plan may be submitted to the Building Commissioner for approval. All requests for minor changes shall, within one (1) business day of receipt, be referred to the Planning Board and at its next regular meeting shall evaluate the proposed changes against its previous findings to determine if it is major or minor. The Planning Board shall advise the building Commissioner of its decision within two (2) business days of that

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meeting. If the change is determined to be minor by the Planning Board, the Building Commissioner is authorized to either approve or to disapprove the change. If the change is determined to be major by the Planning Board , resubmission of an application for Site Plan Review and Approval under Section 9 shall be required.

5. Duration

The approval of a site plan application, or modification or amendment thereof, shall remain effective for a period of two (2) years from the date of filing the decision with the Town Clerk, unless prior to the expiration of the two (2) year period, the applicant makes substantial efforts to construct or develop in accordance with the approved site plan, or upon a written request from the applicant, the planning board votes to extend the time period for a period not to exceed one(1)additional year.

6. If use permit required

A Site Plan Review and Approval decision shall not constitute a special permit where such special permit is required to establish or undertake a use.

7. Appeals

Persons aggrieved by a site plan review decision may appeal to the Board of Appeals pursuant to Section 2.3.2 and M.G.L. chapter 40A, Section 15.

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the bylaw was adopted under Articles S16, S18, S19, and S20 of the town bylaw of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting that convened on November 3, 2003 are hereby approved.

THOMAS REILLY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kelli E. Lawrence
Assistant Attorney General

December 9, 2003

The Wanderer
January 8, 2004
January 15, 2004



Elizabeth Taber Library

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"Tales for Twos," a nine-week series of storytimes for children between the ages of 2 and approximately 3 years, 3 months, will begin January 14, 2004. Two sessions of the half-hour of stories, fingerplays and crafts will be offered: Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am or Friday morning at 10:15 am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2004 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required.

"Winter Storytime" for children between the ages of 3 and 5 begins the week of January 12. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am or Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Winter Storytime begins January 12, 2004 and continues through March 9. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call the library at 508-748-1252.

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following applications:</p> <p>Application of Robert Stephens of PO Box 202, Manitou Springs, Colorado 80829 re property located at 4 Cecelia Avenue. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.1 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct a 24' x 24' garage that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 12A, Lot 44 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 6:15 PM #962</p> <p>Application of Mary K. Briand of 18 Hammond Street by Christopher S. Finch and W. J. Driscoll re property located at 18 Hammond Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.1, 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to allow the construction of a second floor to an existing non-conforming structure. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 17 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 6:30 PM. #963</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the office.</p> <p>Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairman Scott E. Pegurri Nancy L. O'Brien Girard F. Oliva Jack R. McGill 01/08, 01/15</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE #531</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 22, 2004, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of Peter R. Jones & Suzanne Moot for a Variance from section 7.4.5, "Piers as an accessory use", paragraph 5, "The lot for which the permit is sought fully conforms with the current area and frontage requirements for the district in which it is located." This Variance request seeks relief from the current frontage and area requirements of section 7.4.5 paragraph 5, of the Zoning By-laws, to permit the Planning Board to issue a Special Permit for a Pier as an Accessory Use. The hardship exists as a result of the 1999 rezoning which upgraded minimum zoning standards for building purposes. The subject parcel's district changed from Residence B to Residence C. Zoning By-law 7.4.5, paragraph 5 as written prohibits the applicants from utilizing their waterfront access for recreational boating activities. The applicants contend that granting the variance would not be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood, the Town, the public good nor will it nullify or detract from the purpose of the Zoning By-laws.</p> <p>The property, at 118 Bullivant Farm Road, is further identified as Lot 85 on Assessors' Plan 9.</p> <p>Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/25, 01/08</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS</p> <p>#845 Notice is hereby give that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Brian LaPointe, 368 Mendell Road, who is seeking a special permit under Section VIII.D.9.a. to convert a single family dwelling to a multi-family dwelling. Property is identified on Assessors' maps as plan 28 lot 21A, being in the agricultural/residential district. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2004, in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.</p> <p>Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 01/08, 01/15</p>
<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE #532</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 5, 2004, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of David & Janice Koris for a special permit under Section 6.1.3 of the Zoning By-law to allow the expansion of the existing footprint for the construction of a second floor & garage on this nonconforming lot and structure.</p> <p>The property, at 1 West Avenue, is further identified as Lot 41 on Assessors' Plan 3.</p> <p>Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/25, 01/08</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN</p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for January 20, 2004 at 7:15 PM in the first floor conference room of Mattapoissett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett upon the application of AJN Corp., d/b/a Mattapoissett Chowder House, 20 County Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 for a transfer of liquor license from Parma Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Parma Restaurant, 79 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett, MA.</p> <p>Barry J. Denham, Chairman Raymond H. Andrews Stephen J. Lombard 01/08, 01/15</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 7:20 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Notice of Intent submitted by JOSEPH M. & LYNN S. GOLDOVITZ to repair a septic system at 697 Mill Street. The site is further identified as Lots 15B & 15F on Marion Assessors' Map 26. Plans are available at the Town House for review.</p> <p>Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 01/08</p>
	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 26, 2004 at 8:00 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the application of Michael Wilmerding for property located at 155 Front Street, Plat 14, Lot 80 for a Special Permit under Section 6.5 of the Marion Zoning By-law to allow a reduction in the number of parking spaces.</p> <p>Peter F. Winters, Chairman 01/08, 01/15</p>	

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Plumb Memorial Library**Winter Activities**

The winter session of Preschool Storytime will begin at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. The program is open to preschool children, ages 3 to 6, and will run through March. Preschool Storytime is hosted by library volunteers Ms. Robin and Ms. Deb and includes stories, games, and crafts. Storytime is sponsored by the Friends of the Plumb Library, a non-profit group that benefits library programs and services. Sign-ups must be done in person or at the library and space is limited. A second session of Preschool Storytime will begin at 10:30 am on Tuesday, February 3, 2004.

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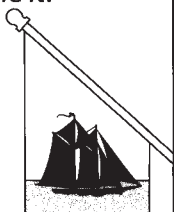
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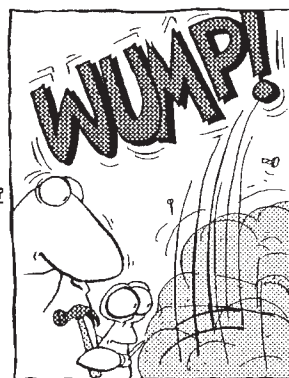
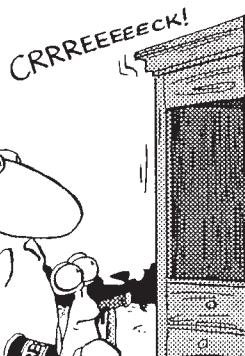
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- Friday, January 23 – Movie: *Shrek* at 1:30 pm;
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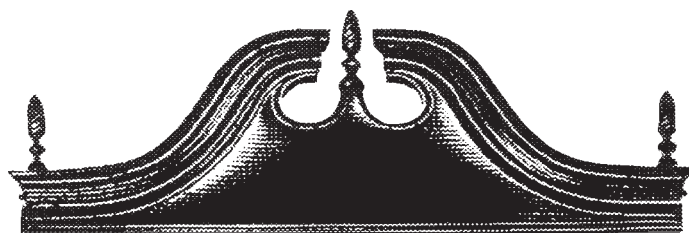


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January 9:	Fri.	8:46	9:16	1:57	2:56
January 10:	Sat.	9:26	9:59	2:38	3:28
January 11:	Sun.	10:10	10:44	3:19	4:00
January 12:	Mon.	10:57	11:31	4:02	4:35
January 13:	Tues.	11:47	...	4:50	5:16
January 14:	Wed.	12:21	12:39	5:47	6:06
January 15:	Thur.	1:15	1:36	6:58	7:07
January 16:	Fri.	2:13	2:38	8:23	8:13
January 17:	Sat.	3:17	3:44	9:40	9:18
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January 21:	Wed.	7:15	7:36	12:12	1:29
January 22:	Thur.	8:06	8:26	1:08	2:15
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January 24:	Sat.	9:44	10:06	2:51	3:32
January 25:	Sun.	10:33	10:55	3:38	4:06

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